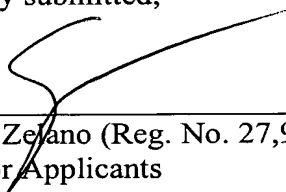


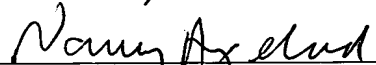
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been amended to place them in a form more customary for U.S. practice, thereby obviating the rejection over 35 USC 101. Newly added claims 14-23 recite embodiments of the invention and are fully supported by the specification.

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